

**SANTA FE CITY AND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-3
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY TASK FORCE TO THE SANTA FE CITY AND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AUTHORITY (RPA) TO DEVELOP RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE RPA

WHEREAS, City and County officials and staff established an ad hoc energy working group and have been meeting and deliberating on energy matters:

WHEREAS, both the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County have adopted the *U. S. Conference of Mayor's Agreement on Climate Change* which incorporates the *Kyoto Protocol* on reduction of global green house gases;

WHEREAS, The City and County ad hoc energy working group has discussed purchase of green products and services, promotion of a florescent light bulb exchange program, and an outreach program for energy efficiency awareness;

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe has adopted *The Sustainable Santa Fe Plan* that, among other things, includes policies on climate change, energy efficiency, building code and construction standards, carbon emission reduction efforts, and striving toward being a carbon neutral community by 2030;

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Fe may also consider policies and actions similar to the *Sustainable Santa Fe Plan* in the future;

WHEREAS, the City and County of Santa Fe and the RPA wish to collaborate on energy initiatives to assure regional benefit;

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Regional Planning Authority (RPA) is established as a policy making forum for the City and County to consider and decide on matters of joint regional interest;

WHEREAS; the RPA recognizes that energy initiatives are regional in nature, and

WHEREAS, the RPA wish to continue studying energy matters on a regional scale and to broaden the scope of study by establishing an advisory task force to develop one to three specific programs that the City and County can jointly implement.

NOW THEREFORE the Santa Fe Regional Planning Authority hereby resolves as follows: (1) The RPA establishes the RPA Energy Advisory Task Force (ETF) to develop one to three energy programs for the Santa Fe region that the City and County can jointly implement. (2) The ETF

will consist of seven members. (3) The ETF will be advisory to the RPA. The ETF recommended projects or programs are subject to the approval of the RPA. The RPA shall appoint the chair and the vice chair who shall be members of the RPA, one from the City and one from the County. Other members will be selected by the chair of the ETF to represent the private financial sector, the state government financial sector, non-governmental organizations with energy expertise and at large, and approved by the RPA. (4) The ETF will meet for one year. When the term is complete, the RPA will evaluate the work of the ETF to determine whether the work should continue or the role of the ETF should be adjusted. (6) The ETF will be tasked with investigation into the numerous opportunities for federal funding, including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for renewable energy programs that are accessible to the public and local businesses; develop a public education and information program that will promote awareness of energy usage and energy efficiency leading to decreased energy use in the community overall. (7) The ETF will submit a work plan for the approval of the RPA. This work plan shall include details on meeting dates, time and frequency. Meetings will be open to the public and the ETF may solicit testimony or information. City, County and RPA staff will be available to assist with the work of the ETF, but the ETF must identify projects or programs, do the research, identify associated funding, and prepare reports to the RPA. (8) In deliberation of possible projects or programs, the ETF will determine the following:

- The priority of recommended projects. Criteria for determining if a project or policy has priority include:
 1. Reduction of use of fossil fuels and associated carbon footprint and methods for measuring this
 2. Provision of local jobs or development of a “green” workforce
 3. Cost savings in buildings and facilities – government or other
 4. Whether it complements or can be a companion to other energy saving programs, projects or policies.
 5. Is immediately implementable
- Timelines for implementation of the projects.
- Approaches to partnering with non-profit organizations, governmental entities (state and federal), and private sector entities including Public Service Company of New Mexico.
- Funding sources including matching or start up funds.
- Economic impact to the community of recommended projects.

RPA Resolution No. 2009-1 is hereby repealed and replaced by RPA Resolution 2009-3.
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2009.

THE SANTA FE CITY AND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

By: _____
Patti Bushee, Chair

ATTEST:

Yolanda Vigil, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney

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